

# HOUSE BILL 1478

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By: **Prince George's County Delegation**

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## CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Prince George's County – Beer ~~and~~, Wine, and Liquor Tastings**

3 **PG 320–10**

4 FOR the purpose of creating in Prince George's County a beer tasting license ~~and~~, a  
5 beer/wine tasting license, and a beer, wine and liquor tasting license; specifying  
6 to whom the licenses may be issued; setting maximum limits on the amounts of  
7 certain individual servings; specifying that certain licenses may be issued for  
8 tasting or sampling purposes only; providing for certain license fees; making  
9 certain stylistic changes; and generally relating to alcoholic beverages licenses  
10 in Prince George's County.

11 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
12 Article 2B – Alcoholic Beverages  
13 Section 8–409  
14 Annotated Code of Maryland  
15 (2005 Replacement Volume and 2009 Supplement)

16 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF  
17 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

18 **Article 2B – Alcoholic Beverages**

19 8–409.

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike-out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.



1 (a) (1) In Prince George's County, the Board of License Commissioners  
2 may approve the issuance of a **BEER TASTING LICENSE, A wine tasting [(WT)]**  
3 **LICENSE, AND A BEER/WINE TASTING [alcoholic beverages] license.**

4 (2) (I) **[The] A WINE TASTING OR BEER/WINE TASTING** license is  
5 issued only to holders of a beer, wine and liquor (BWL) or a beer and wine (BW)  
6 license.

7 (II) **1. A BEER TASTING OR BEER/WINE TASTING**  
8 **LICENSE IS ISSUED ONLY TO HOLDERS OF A BEER, WINE AND LIQUOR (BWL) OR**  
9 **A BEER AND WINE (BW) LICENSE.**

10 **2. HOLDERS OF A BEER (B) LICENSE MAY BE ISSUED**  
11 **ONLY A BEER TASTING LICENSE.**

12 (3) (I) **[The] A WINE TASTING OR BEER/WINE TASTING** license  
13 permits the consumption of wine, containing not more than 14 percent of alcohol by  
14 volume, for tasting or sampling purposes only.

15 (II) **A BEER TASTING OR BEER/WINE TASTING LICENSE**  
16 **ALLOWS THE CONSUMPTION OF BEER FOR TASTING OR SAMPLING PURPOSES**  
17 **ONLY.**

18 (4) (I) **[The] A WINE TASTING OR BEER/WINE TASTING** licensee  
19 may not serve more than 1 ounce from each given brand **OF WINE** to any one person.

20 (II) **A BEER TASTING OR BEER/WINE TASTING LICENSEE**  
21 **MAY NOT SERVE MORE THAN 3 OUNCES FROM EACH BRAND OF BEER TO ANY**  
22 **ONE PERSON.**

23 (5) (I) The annual [license] fee **OF A BEER TASTING OR WINE**  
24 **TASTING LICENSE:**

25 [(i)] **1.** For holders of a BWL license, is \$110 in addition to  
26 the cost of the BWL license; [and]

27 [(ii)] **2.** For holders of a BW license, is \$110 in addition to the  
28 cost of the BW license; **AND**

29 **3. FOR HOLDERS OF A B LICENSE, IS \$110 IN**  
30 **ADDITION TO THE COST OF THE B LICENSE.**

31 (II) **THE BOARD OF LICENSE COMMISSIONERS SHALL SET**  
32 **THE ANNUAL FEE FOR A BEER/WINE TASTING LICENSE.**

1           **(B) (1) IN PRINCE GEORGE’S COUNTY, THE BOARD OF LICENSE**  
2 **COMMISSIONERS MAY ISSUE A BEER, WINE, AND LIQUOR TASTING (BWLТ)**  
3 **LICENSE.**

4           **(2) A BEER, WINE, AND LIQUOR TASTING LICENSE MAY BE ISSUED**  
5 **ONLY TO HOLDERS OF A BEER, WINE AND LIQUOR LICENSE.**

6           **(3) A BEER, WINE, AND LIQUOR TASTING LICENSE AUTHORIZES**  
7 **THE CONSUMPTION OF ONE–HALF AN OUNCE OF LIQUOR FROM A GIVEN BRAND**  
8 **AND 1.5 OUNCES FROM ALL BRANDS BY ANY ONE PERSON IN A SINGLE DAY FOR**  
9 **TASTING AND SAMPLING PURPOSES ONLY.**

10           **(4) THE LIMITATIONS ON THE CONSUMPTION OF BEER AND WINE**  
11 **UNDER SUBSECTION (A)(4) OF THIS SECTION APPLY TO A BEER, WINE, AND**  
12 **LIQUOR TASTING LICENSE.**

13           **(5) THE BOARD SHALL SET THE ANNUAL FEE FOR A BEER, WINE,**  
14 **AND LIQUOR TASTING LICENSE.**

15           ~~(B)~~ **(C)**       The Prince George’s County Board of License Commissioners may  
16 adopt rules or regulations providing additional requirements to implement this  
17 section.

18           SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
19 July 1, 2010.

Approved:

\_\_\_\_\_ Governor.

\_\_\_\_\_ Speaker of the House of Delegates.

\_\_\_\_\_ President of the Senate.